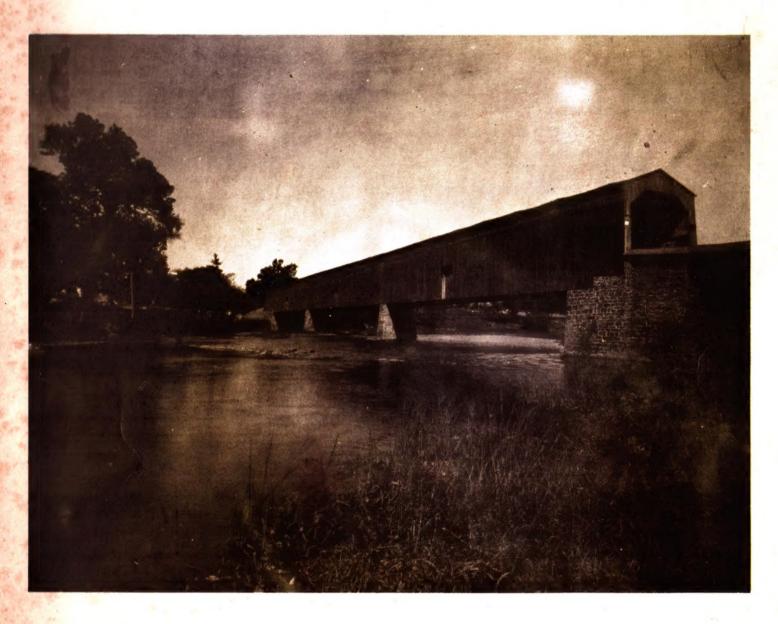
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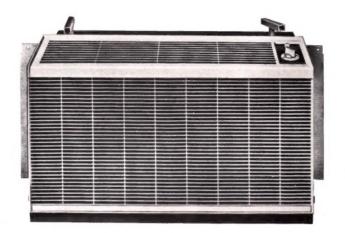


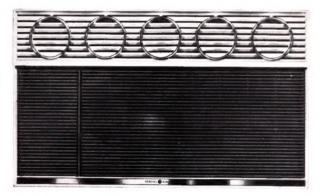


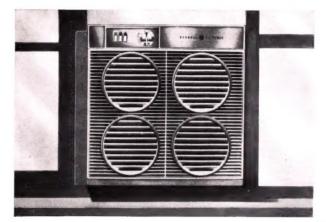
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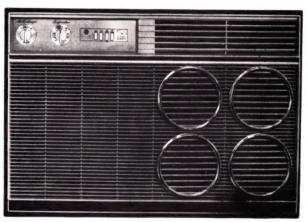
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by John Richardson

Joseph Ellicott and his family lived on a 60 acre farm near Centre Hill (Solebury Village) from 1730 until 1770. On January 24, 1754 a son Andrew, was born.

young Andrew, at the early ton. age of 15, was giving importhaving worked on their most in a pique, refused to hand famous four faced clock.

Philadelphia and was early plans of the national capital recognized as a master mathe- as laid out were . . solely the matician.

married Sarah his Andrew Brown of Newtown in 1775 among whom were his two and the couple moved from brothers Joseph and Benja-Bucks County to Maryland min, to whom he left comwhere father Joseph had built pletion of the work. a community of his own in 1778 the Governor of Mary- The United States. land commissioned Andrew a was his heritage).

Ellicott's scientific attain- four years. ments attracted the attentions respected American Philoso- the state capital. phical Society of Philadelphia

now Major Ellicott spent the age of 66. years of 1784 to 1788 surveyand New York.

Andrew Ellicotts living in out the city of Buffalo, New

emy and a staunch backer of Canal. John Fitch, the inventor of the steamboat.

In 1790 the Congress of the United States fixed the site for the new national capital on the Potomac. Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a French engineer, who had come over Father Joseph was a genius with Lafayette, was selected to at fancy clock making, and lay out the City of Washing-However, L'Enfant's plans were not entirely satisant help to his father, and factory to the Commissioners; they are both credited with he was forced to resign and, over his layout. Andrew Elli-Later, Andrew studied in cott was then called in. "The work of Andrew Ellicott and his associates," principal

In 1792 Ellicott was ap-1770 - now Ellicott City. In pointed Surveyor General of

The crowning achievement Captain of Milita, although of Andrew Ellicotts career was military service was in direct the survey between the United oposition to the principles of States and the Spanish possesthe Society of Friends, (which sions in the south and west. This began in 1796 and lasted

There followed years of of Washington, Jefferson and editing his journals and of Franklin, among others, and service to the Pennsylvania he was soon a member of the Land Office at Lancaster, then

In 1813 Ellicott was apand a member of the Mary-pointed a professor of mathematics at West Point and he Under commission of the remained on the faculty there Governor of Pennsylvania, until his death in 1820, at the

Younger brother Joseph, ing the borders between Penn- also a native of Solebury, sylvania and Virginia, Ohio Bucks County, accompanied Andrew on most of his under-The year 1789 found the takings, but independently laid

Philadelphia, where Andrew York, and is often referred to was a professor of mathema- as it's founder. Later he was tics at The Episcopal Acad- a top engineer on the Erie

Both these men were Bucks Countians! - JR



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COPS AND ROBBERS: Scanning the yellow pages of one of my old basketball score books dated February, 1945, I found some interesting notes. About the same time, Ed Twining, general ledger bookkeeper with the Doylestown National Bank and Trust Company, handed me a copy from his sports scrapbook containing a story this reporter wrote about a basketball game played on the Doylestown Armory court in February 20 years ago.

"I'll bet some folks would like to read your article again", said Banker Ed, who himself was quite a formidable athlete in his school days. It should bring chuckles to many sports

fans.'

The two-column head on the sports page of a Doylestown daily read: "Arner's Bucket In Closing Seconds Wins For Troopers". Then a sub-head: "State Police Out-Wind Doylestown All-Star (alias V.F.W.) On Armory Court, 36 to 35—District Attorney Biester Outstanding As Trooper-Ringer—Russ Gulick And Ed Twining Classy For All-Stars—Vets Entertain After Game."

The report of the game carried the local daily, by-lined Russ Thomas was as follows:

"Need for a post-war physical fitness program was clearly demonstrated last night on the Doylestown Armory basket-ball court as Corporal Harold Dando's State Police quintet from the Doylestown sub-station, out-puffed the short-breathed Doylestown All-Stars manager by Pete Carney, by a score of 36-35.

"The game was won in the last five seconds when "Black Diamond" Bill Arner centered the bucket for a two-pointer from mid-floor just in time to get under Time-keeper Bill Peca's whistle that ended the ball game. Five seconds before the All-Stars were leading, 35-34.

"Arner, who starred at Coaldale High before joining up with the State Police, made a name for himself in this contest, although the opposition has asked for a recheck on Time-keeper Peca's watch. Leland Emery and District Attorney Ed Biester kept the State Police quintet in the game at all times. Biester's floor work in the second half was outstanding and his breathing was well-timed.

"For the All-Stars, who were organized and trained by the Doylestown Post, V.F.W., Russ Gulick was summoned back from his official duties as State Senate secretary in Harrisburg, to lead the All-Stars offensive play, and he did a real job. Gulick played the entire game, outlasting his short-

winded companions.

"Ed Twining, Doylestown's No. 1 basketball fan, a court ace of yesteryear, showed the most skill of the evening, while Dan Atkinson, who played in Paris in the last war, showed the best combat play.

"Al Weigel as scorekeeper, turned out to be a fine hosiery manufacturer, but he did just as good a job as Joe Kenny, who turned State trooper for a night and did a fair assign-

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COMMENT

In May of 1961, Panorama published a special "Covered Bridges of Bucks County" section, which proved to be one of the most popular issues we have ever published. Copies were sold out on news stands fast, and we just plain ran out. A year ago, while cleaning house, we came across a box of these issues, and mentioned it in our news columns and classified section. These magazines too were quickly sold out, and we have only a few of these left as file copies.

Covered Bridges always have been popular with readers, and thus we again present a pictorial look at Bucks County's Covered Bridges. Over the years we have gathered much information and many old photos of bridges, past and present. Published in large size and on our new glossy paper, these photos will be even more of a collectors item in years to come. We suggest that if you have friends or relatives who enjoy covered bridges, you send them a copy of this issue, as we know it will be in short supply. We have an extra large press run this month but they still won't last long.

The cover photo shows the Castle Valley covered bridge. This bridge is no longer in existance, but was, in it's day, one of the longest in the county. Wood from this bridge was used to build a garage in Spring Valley, near Doylestown.

We hope you enjoy this special feature, as well as all of the many new and exciting features Panorama sends your way each month. Your comments are always invited. — RJA

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ment as the best physically — developed basketeer on the court.

"After the game the players of both teams were entertained at the Doylestown V.F.W. Home."

The lineups for that game: STATE POLICE — Dando, Shovelin, Biester, Emery, Allenbach, Arner, Jackson and Kenny; ALL-STARS — Hayman, R. Gulick, Frick, Twining, Atkinson, Cole, Jepsen and Carney. (Referee, Harold Rohr).

COVERED BRIDGE SPECIAL: This Covered Bridge Special issue of PANORAMA should be a cherished souvenier for your reading room. One of our prize possessions is a painting by Fleury (Flu) Zilli of Solebury Township, of Houpt's Mill Bridge over Cooks Creek on Route 212, west of Springtown. The painting occupies a living room location in our home and is often admired by our friends. "Flu" is not a professional artist in Who's Who, but he could very easily be there. Houpt's Mill Bridge also known as Bucks County Bridge 212, is near the old Durham Furnace in Durham Township, where a winding road dips into a lovely valley and there, beyond the vine-covered ruins of an old mill, this covered bridge crosses Durham Creek.



We have had this photo for some time trying to figure out what and where it is. It was taken by L. R. Craven, the well known Central Bucks Photographer, many years ago. A six month subscription to Panorama to the first person correctly identifying it. No phone calls please, write, Photo editor, Panorama, Doylestown, Pa.

SUMMER SHORTS: Said an organization leader to an Alliance captain after the May primary election in Bucks County, now is the time to ascertain whether you are a REAL Republican or not and willing to shake hands and take defeat gracefully . . . We have in Bucks County many of the finest and best known hotels and restaurants to be found in the East, and yet, on Sunday our people go to Philadelphia and to New Jersey by the droves for a cocktail or a brew . . . This should be a case for direct action on the past of the Bucks County Society of Restauranteurs and our State Legislature.

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Framed by the lattice work on the Uhlerstown Covered Bridge, we see one of the old Locks on the Delaware Canal. (Photo by Lorimer Dager)

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Penna. Dutch Folk Festival



Dutch humorist, Prof. Schnitzel is a popular entertainer at the annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival, where he will appear twice daily this year on the big stage from July 3 through July 10.

The 16th annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival at Kutztown, Pa., opening July 3 and continuing through July 10th, again offers generous slices of Dutch Folk Culture to an expected 175,000 visitors from coast to coast.

In this typical Dutch town, midway between Reading and Allentown on Route 222, the "Hook-and-Eye" Amish, the Team Mennonites, the Conservative Dunkards, and the Meetinghouse Schwenkfelders will present authentic arts and crafts, many from the pages of American history.

On its spacious 35-acre festival grounds, this largest Folk Festival in America features along with Pennsylvania Dutch folk-art, famous Pennsylvania Dutch cookery, and the Pennsylvania Dutch Plain People themselves.

An Amish pageant, skills of ancient craftsmen, an old-fashioned medicine show, the hanging of Suzanna Cox, butchering of steers and pigs will attract thousands of visitors from coast to coast.

Stage presentations are scheduled daily from 11 a.m., including the popular horse shoeing in the Dutch country, flax demonstrations, Dutch fashion shows, handicrafts, hoedowning and jigging, etc. The Heidelberg Polka Band will add to the fun, and free-for-all square dancing will climax each day.

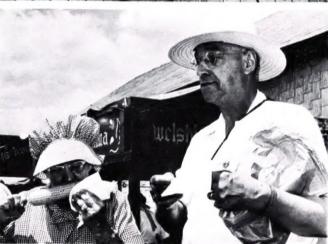
Now this year will be a quilting contest, open to individuals and organizations, with elaborate trophies and cash awards going to 12 winners in four categories.

Dutch food, always a high point of interest at the folk Festival, will be prepared on the grounds and served from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. There will be profuse supplies of the hearty varieties, the sweets and sours, and the traditional desserts - shoo-Fly Pie, Chocolate Funny Cake, Laplanders and Cherry Fritters. It's

dei freind mit." You'll have fun.

Champion Hoedowners are always "Tsito Far Essa" always a big attraction. Free-(Time to eat) at the Pennsyl- for-all square dancing is vania Dutch Folk Festival. scheduled nightly from 9 p.m. As any busy Dutchman until midnight on the festival would say, "Koom oon bring grounds.











corn-on-the-cob.

Festival visitors enjoy the popular summertime treat of

"Gay Dutch" pla 2rs portival, tray roles of their Amish neighbors in the pageant, "Men of One Master", presented twice daily at the Festival. Written by Brad Smoker, the grandson of an Amishman, (who was banned by the church when he installed a bathtub in his farm) the pageant traces the development of this Plain Sect from the time they came to America during Colonial times.

Members of the Church of the Brethren, a "Plain" Dutch Sect of Montgomery County, serve cake to visitors. This Cake and Mead House, forerunner of the early corner soda fountain in America is in charge of the Goschenhoppen Historians during the Fes-

Blacksmith Harry Haupt, one of the old raftsmen returning to the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival each year since it began in 1947, entertains young and old as he prepares shoes for horses on his old anvil.

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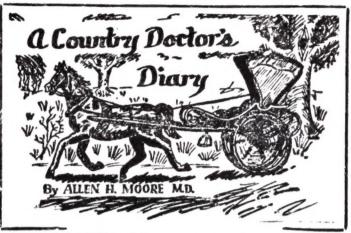
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There was a knock! knock! knock! on my bedroom door. I would get awake in a few seconds I was sure, but it was tough going for the moment.

"Doc, are you awake?" Of course I was awake. Who in do I owe you for this trip?" the world could be anything else with a fellow almost knocking the house down with those big fists. "Doc can you go out to my house right away?"

the country. It was the coldest train. I walked over to the nite of the year, and now I man's house who operates the had to hitch up Old Blackie taxi, but he refused to do any-and drive over frozen roads thing for me. I was stuck, with horse and buggy. The that's for sure. Had to get harness would almost freeze home somehow, you know, so, to your hands at a time when I decided to have you bring all fingers became thumbs. I me out. I knew you would not was never sure that I hitched turn me down. Now, to be per-the horse up correctly. Half feetly honest about it, Doc, I the time I did not, but that do not have any money at this made little difference to me. time, but you know I'll pay Getting to where I wanted to you the first cent I get.' go was the urgent business at hand.

no mood to talk. This was my nothing? fourth night out, after driving

all day long. All I wanted to do was sleep, and I did not care when or where.

"Hold it Doc, hold it. This is my place." He got out and I was about to follow with my medical bag when he turned to me and said, "Doc, how much

"How much do you owe me for this trip? I must confess, pal, I do not know what you are talking about."

"Well Doc, it's this way. There is no ill at my house. This man lived nine miles in I came in on the early morning

I was curious as to why he really asked me to take him We jogged down the road, to his home instead of getting mile after mile. Fortunately, I a taxi. He had a ready answer. had my faithful old heat stone My fee to transport him to his at my feet. It served me well, home in the middle of the night winter after winter. I hardly was cheaper than any taxi he knew this man sitting in the might persuade to take him buggy with me. He said very out. How cheap, really, is a little, and I said less. I was in fee, when you actually get

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Houpt's Mill Bridge spans the Durham Creek is a most picturesque setting.

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COVERED BRIDGES

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A covered bridge of yesteryear over the Tohickon Creek at Point Pleasant. This photo was taken from the lawn of what is now Kolbe's Trading Post.

(Photo courtesy Lloyd Stover)

Below we see The Cabin Run Bridge near Pipersville.
(Panorama Photo)



Nostalgia, history or just the air of fashioned romance is perhaps the best way to describe the Covered Bridge. Unlike the blacksmith shops and the little red schoolhouse of days gone by, the Covered Bridges remain quite abundant in Pennsylvania, and especially right here in Bucks County with the third largest amount of these historic structures still standing in the State.

Of the 12 Bucks County Covered Bridges, 8 are county owned and 4 are state owned. Throughout the state of Pennsylvania there are 57 bridges still a part of the state highway system, and a total of 292 bridges still standing.

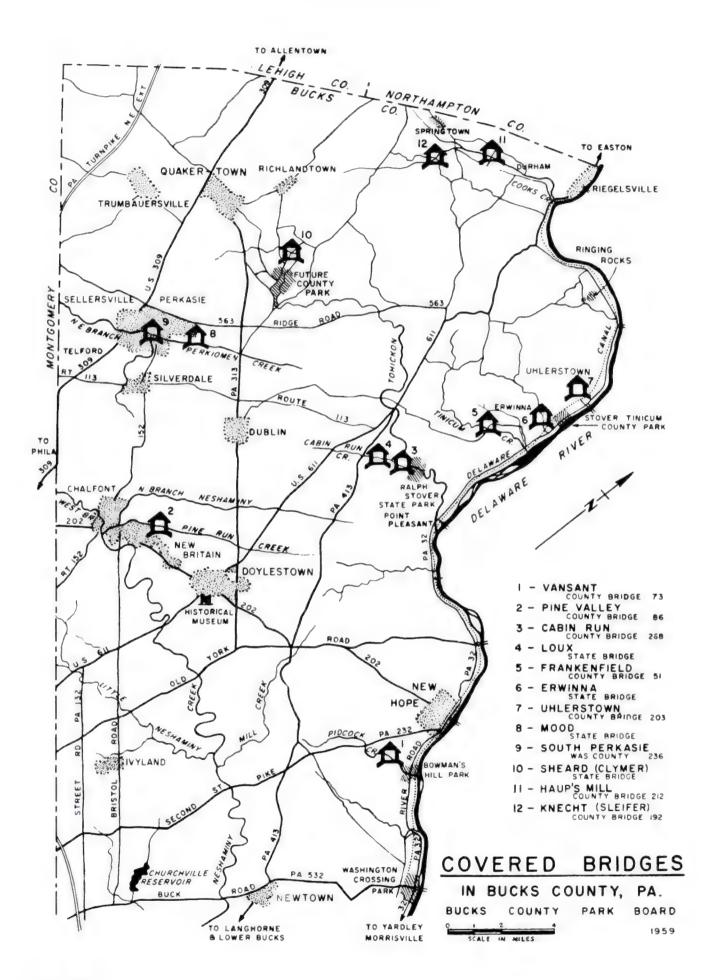
Historians record that the first covered bridge in the state was built right here in Bucks County about 1790. In 1800 a 225 foot span was built over the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia.

The oldest Covered Bridge still standing in Bucks County is the South Perkasie Bridge, built in 1832. It has been restored and moved to the place of prominance in Lenape Park, Perkasie. The moving bridge from its crossing over-Pleasant Spring Creek at Lenape Park in 1958 attracted national prominance with TV, radio, magazine and newspaper coverage from coast to coast. The bridge bears the inscription "\$5.00 fine for any person riding or driving over this bridge faster than a walk or smoking seegars on."

Time was when many grist mills were located near covered bridges. Now, either the mill is gone or the bridge has been replaced by modern concrete. The Sheard's Mill Bridge over the Tohickon is now the only one in Bucks County still standing close by a working grist mill. Clymer's Mill was built in 1835 by David Sheard. Custom grinding is still done by stones unless water in the creek is too low, then electric motors are used. The bridge was built in 1873 and is the lattice type 134 feet long.

To really appreciate and savor the atmosphere of these storied spans, one should walk through them. The great rough floor planks and huge supporting side timbers are of amazing size. Thick wooden pegs and heavy iron bolts hold the massive arched and criss-crossed timbers.

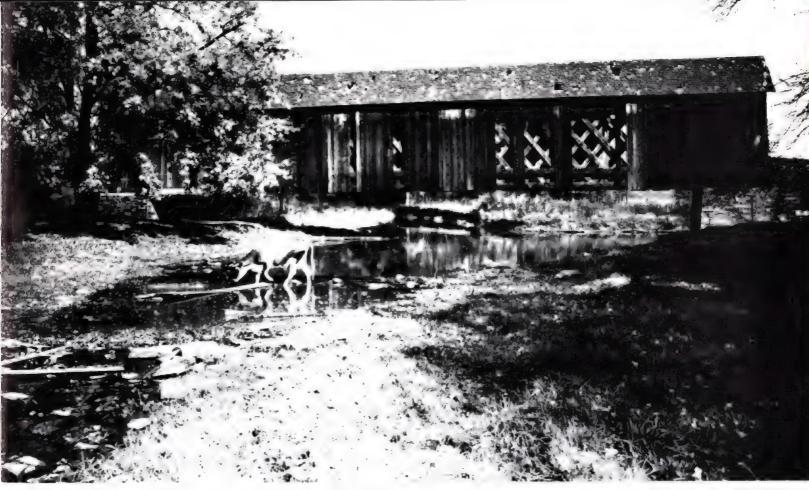
For a pleasant afternoon outing driving through the countryside of Bucks, we suggest a series of Bucks County Covered Bridge Tours. Pack a picnic lunch, bring a camera, and take your time to savor and enjoy this "living history".





The Uhlerstown Covered Bridge, built in 1832, is 110 feet long. This is Bucks County's most unusual Covered Bridge as it has a window in each side. The bridge crosses the Delaware Canal, and is just a short distance off Route .32

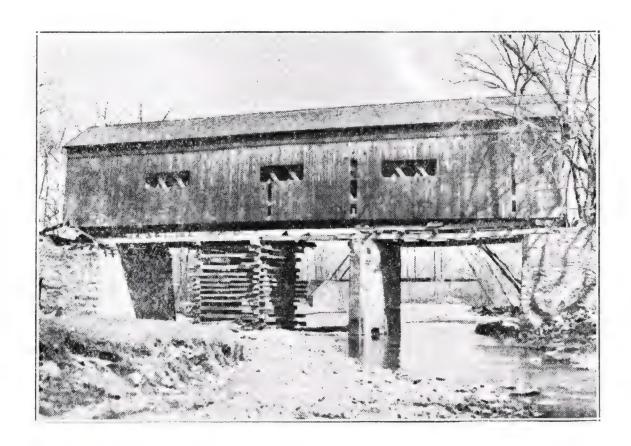




Mood's Bridge near Perkasie was in very bad repair when this photo taken some years ago. An alert citizenry and and interested County Commissioners have seen to it that it was repaired. Covered Bridge fansare very pleased that our County oweials have taken such an interest in these bridges, and have repaired and repainted all of them in Bucks County.

Knecht's Covered Bridge was built in 1873. The span is 110 feet long and built of hemlock. It crosses the Durham Creek and is located near Pleasant valley in Upper Bucks County. As the bridge is located in Sleifer's Valley, it is sometimes called "Sleifer's Bridge". (Photo by Lorimer Dager)





"The old covered bridge above Washington's Crossing on the River Road, once the hiding place of hold-up men in the gay nineties, is being taken for a ride". This was the lead sentence in an article that accompanied this photo in March of 1935.

The bridge was jacked up, all 100 tons of it, and was slid on soap greased ways to it's final resting place, near the Thompson Necley House. We wondered what even happened to it, so we called Bud Ely over in New Hope. Bud told us, that the bridge sat in a field near the Thompson Neeley House for some years. These were depression times, and funds were not available to restore it. Slowly, the bridge disappeared — people removed boards, timbers and the like, until there was nothing left. It is perhaps one of the few bridges in Bucks County that was stolen.

The old newspaper account of 1935 quotes Edward A. Briggs, then president of The Delaware Valley Protective Association on some of the legend behind the bridge. It seems Covered Bridges were favored by road agents or highwaymen at the turn of the century. Mr. Briggs noted:

"I remember the awe I felt 30 years ago (1905) when I was told of a holdup in the covered bridge at Bowman's Hill.

"A farmer, it seems, was returning home from market at 11 o'clock when a masked man held him up in the bridge and took his wallet. I can't even remember that the man was apprehended."

The bridge was 110 feet long, 19 feet wide and 20 feet high. On top of the bridge there was a sign warning that a fine of \$5. to \$30. will be imposed upon those driving across faster than a walk.



This is the "almost covered bridge" at Stover Park near Point Pleasant. (Panorama Photo)

the summer fashion scene



Lovely Jewel Renner has a dinner date with that all important "HE". For it she selected this Mod style dress from the VOGUE SHOPPE. The blouse is a soft white voile, with full sleeves, attached to a slim skirt of blue and white baby cord. A yellow tie accepts the empire cut of the dress. (\$19.95)

Meeting the girls for lunch at the club? This is just the dress (at right) says Jewel. It is a smart A-line shift in yellow spun linen, with white braid trim. VOGUE SHOPPE of Perkasie and Doylestown. \$17.95. Straw Purse:\$2.95

If the dress is to be casual, Jewel suggests EYELET. (at right) This pert slack set from the VOGUE SHOPPE, is white eyelet embroidery over hot pink, by Madabouts. The straight jacket is sporty with a button-down collar. Priced at: \$21.95



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JUNE DATES: Pearl Buck was born June 26, 1892... The American Expeditionary Forces reached France June 25, 1917 (Rambling Russ reached France in April 1918)... June 14 is Flag Day... The first ocean steamer arrived in Liverpool on June 18, 1819.

ODDS AND ENDS: In 1948 the 88-year-old mission (Christ Church by-the-Sea, Colon, Republic of Panama, became the first native congregation of the Episcopal Church in Central America to achieve parish status, and the Rev. John R. Chisholm, reactor of St. Paul's (Doylestown) became its first reactor . . . Father Crisholm was rector and superintendent of Christ Church Academy . . . Congratulations to Bucks County Judges Edwin H. Satterthwaite, Bucks Orphans Court and Paul R. Beckert (Bucks Common Pleas Court . . . Neither one can lose the election in November . . They face ten-year terms at \$25,000 per year . . . Bucks County had 142,139 persons eligible to vote at the May primary, but less than 60 percent turned out . . . A \$48,000 addition to the Bell Telephone Company's Werminster service center is nearing completion . . . Congratulations to Robert Paul Reinhardt (Lahaska), administrative assistant to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the county's public relations man who produced and edited 67-page booklet, "Bucks County, Pennsylvania - A Look at County Government and Review of 1964" . . . This is an excellent job and it took a first class newspaperman to do it . . . Copies are available at the Bucks County Commissioners Office in the County Administration Building, 5th floor . . See Chief Clark Ed Pearce.



The Plumstead Friends Meeting House on the Gardenville Pike dates back to 1752. The building was rebuilt in 1875.

THE BIGGEST Improvement: Doylestown's "Operation 64" is one of the biggest improvement projects ever started in this community, with transformation of the historic Fountain House building into a furniture mart, topping them all in face-lifting projects . . . Also welcomed are the extra Reading trains on the Doylestown and Willow Grove lines into Philadelphia.

COMMENCEMENT DAZE: Tuesday, June 15, the largest class in the history of Central Bucks Joint High School (Doylestown) will be graduated . . . As of this writing the class numbers 489 . . . Weather permitting the graduation exercises will be held on the school athletic field . . . Baccalaureate service will be held Sunday, June 13 in the Central Bucks auditorium.



Harriet Fox, Woman's Page Editor

Pa. Dutch Kitchen Secrets

There has always been a Pennsylvania Dutch-the peo- the fingers until mixture is ple, the way of life, and the fine traditional food that they serve. We were able to obtain simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. recipes from a Pennsylvania Dutch kitchen for three well known Pennsylvania Dutch dishes, which we thought you might like to try.

that we had the opportunity pepper. to taste Rivvel Soup. It is rather unusual and quite delicious. Of course Shoo-Fly Pie is an old favorite, and the pickled Cantaloupe Rind is

good too!

Here are the recipes. Try them and good eating!

SHOO-FLY PIE

(With a wet bottom) Liquid part:

½ tbsp. soda dissolved in 3/4 cup boiling water

1/2 cup molasses (Brer Rabbit—yellow label)

1 egg yoke, beaten well Crumbs:

3/4 cup flour

½ tsp. cinnamon

1/8 tsp. each of nutmeg, ginger, cloves

1/2 cup brown sugar

2 tbsp. shortening

1/2 tsp. salt

Combine dry ingredients with shortening, using hands to work into crumbs. Line a 9 inch plate with pastry. Fill with liquid and top with crumbs. Bake in a hot oven (400°) until crust starts to brown (about 10 minutes). Reduce to 325° and bake until firm.

RIVVEL SOUP

2 cups unsifted flour 1/2 tsp. salt

1 egg well beaten

4 qts. chicken broth

2 cups of corn

Combine the flour, salt and great deal of interest in the beaten egg. Mix together with crumbly. Drop these rivvels into the broth. Add corn and

The word "rivvel" means "lump", and this soup is full of lumps that look like rice. In its simplest version the rivvels are dropped into hot milk It wasn't until last summer that is seasoned with salt and

PICKLED CANTALOUPE RIND

3 lbs. diced cantaloupe rind 1/2 cup vinegar

1½ cups sugar

rind into 2 inch pieces. Weigh six-day period. and measure. Combine with clear, about 45 minutes. Pack (U.S. Navy Photo) into jars, and seal.



It rained cats and dogs all week recently at the Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania when two cats and one dog, owned by Captain and Mrs. N. R. Charles, the Com-Pare the cantaloupe and cut manding Officer and his wife, had blessed events within a

Final recapitulation total was officially set at 12 kittens sugar and vinegar. Cook to- and 9 puppies. Despite the sudden change in the weather, gether slowly until fruit is operations at the Naval Air Station continued normally.



C. Norman Detweiler (left), President of the Bucks County Tuberculosis and Health Society and Panorama contributing editor, greets Dr. Jesse B. Aronson, Director of the Division of Local Health Serivces, New Jersey Department of Health, guest speaker at the Society's 45th Annual Meeting held recently at Cross Keys Inn.

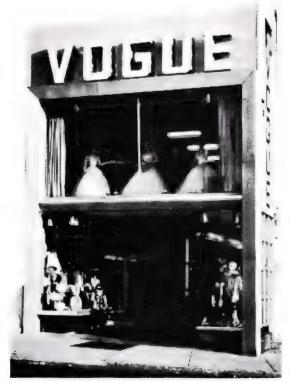
LIFE IN BUCKS IN 1854

What was life like in Bucks County a hundred or so years ago? We recently found some old books that concerned themselves with Charlestown, which is now known as Trumbauersville in Upper Bucks County.

At that time, Trumbauersville was a cigar making town, and residents could purchase a good cigar at the rate of tow to four for a cent. If you were thirsty, you could stop by the hotel and get a drink for three cents with a free cigar thrown in for good measure (No green stamps, though). Board at the hotel was \$1.50 per week. Wages were not high - 50¢ a day was about standard for most any kind of work.

A trip to the "big city" of Philadelphia was possible, by stage coach. Round trip took three days, and the fare was \$1.50.

The town name of Charlestown was changed to Trumbauersville in 1860. —P.B.



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The old Leidytown one room schoolhouse is now the home of The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Hilltown. The addition at the left was recently completed.

HILLTOWN CHURCH ADDITIONS BLESSED IN SPECIAL RITES

A new addition to Good Shepperd Episcopal Church, Hilltown and a new vicarage were blessed during a special Holy Communion service recently. The service was conducted by the Reverend Alfred Vail, Canon to the Ordinary (assistant to the bishop), Diocese of Pennsylvania. Both the addition and the vicarage have been constructed without a capital fund drive.

The service had extra meaning since it marked the 12th anniversary of the church. The congregation, which now numbers 619, started with just 26 people in the living room of a home in Hilltown where a service was conducted in February 1953.

The new vicarage will pro-

vide a home for the Reverend Peter A. Greenfield and his family, the church's first resident vicar. The two story colonial home is located in an apple orchard on the church property.

The new addition to the church was made necessary by the rapidly growing congregation. It doubles the seating capacity of the nave without detracting from the quaint architectural charm of the church which had its genesis as the one-room Leidytown schoolhouse. In 1958, a parish house and kitchen were added to the original building. Since that time, 15 acres have been acquired, including a farmhouse and barn. The farmhouse is used for additional Sunday school classes because the enrollment of children has grown from 90 in 1962 to almost 200 today.



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Book Marks

THE SOURCE

By James A. Michener (Random House, New York \$7.95)

Source" is a novel of great temper of each of the times. scope and, like Hawaii, enmiddle east, Judism, Christianity, Islam, cruelty of man, bigotry, the beginning of law and justice, but the prevailing thought through-out the book is man's ever emerging book, nearly a thousand concept of God and his form of worship.

archeological team and their history as well as a novel, excavation of an area where once stood. With each layer resenting a past civilization, you should read it, but be County, soon. the author recreates a cast

James A. Michener's long of characters. By their stoawaited new book, "The ries, we learn of the life and

From the cave man "Ur" compasses a vast period of of 9831 B.C. who first occutime. The book is about many pied the site, through 15 things - a history of the different civilizations that at one time lived there, down to modern Israel, Michener tells their story. A history of mankind as it were.

The Source is a long pages and sometimes repetitious, but it is adventurous The basic plot covers an and exciting. By being a it will no doubt be read and prepared for a long and talky book. - Pat Wallace



the ancient city of Makar reflected upon by many Bucks County's James A. Michener seen here "on location" people, and rightly so. If in Israel, where he recently completed his new novel, "The that is uncovered, each repyou are a fan of Michener, working on still another book, but hopes to be back in Bucks

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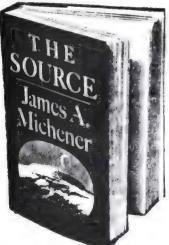
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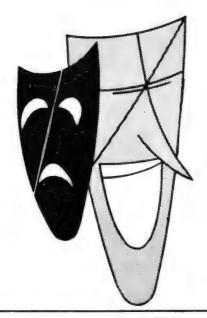


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seen and met the new pro- dolls, dollhouses and many ducer, Walter Perner, Jr. others. Wally was Mike Ellis' assistfor area theatre-goers.

MINIATURES SHOWN

The greatest collection of miniatures ever gathered under one roof will be featured at the Parry Barn Galleries, South Main Street, New Hope, Pa., from Saturday, May 22 through Monday, July 5. One of the most fascinating exhibits ever sponsored by the New Hope Historical Society, "Scenes in Miniature" will fill the galleries with exquisite miniature rooms, structures such as buildings and cathedrals, tiny trains and landscapes, dioramas and scale models of historic landmarks, In case you haven't been to models of theatrical sets by The Bucks County Playhouse famous designers, antique this season, you may not have toys, furniture, soldiers, ships,

Among the miniatures on ant for many years, starting at exhibit will be a miniature the Playhouse in 1954 as a Civil War scene that is the curtain-puller. This season as only one of its kind in the Managing Director, he has a world, exact replicas of trains wenderful schedule of plays from the past, the tiniest operable train in the world which will be running all during the

exhibition, miniature ferris wheels valued at \$5,000 all from Ed Alexander of Yardley, Pa. A 4' x 5' copy of the Cathedral of Milan, which took New York cab driver Louis Correale over ten years to make, will also be on exhibit, along with his 3' high Chimes of Normandy Church, which has a real clock and real chimes.

Peter J. Blum, president of the Military Historical Society, whose military miniatures are considered perfection by experts, will have on hand various graduated (in size) military figures, another group representing various periods, a Civil War diorama of dismounted cavalry action, a Waterloo shadowbox, and a shadowbox scene with knights.

A carnival and circus valued at \$5,000 and comprised of 2,000 pieces (all handcrafted animals, wagons, people, tents, rides, trains, etc.), which represents 14 years of work by L. William Hall of Lancaster, Pa., will be on exhibit along with a backdrop of circus posters, circa 1890.

Corrine Creative Arts in New York will display the "Brides of All Nations" collection of 141 dolls which is on permanent exhibit at the United Nations and has been loaned to the New Hope Historical Society. Charles Veysey, president of F.A.O. Schwarz, will show scenes of soldiers during the Napoleonic Wars which is part of a collection of 20,000 military flats.

A 258' parade, scenes, dioramas and little trains will be exhibited by Dr. Kemble Widmer of Pennington, N. J. Widmer will also display a model of Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh, made of real stone and mortar and weighing 500 lbs., with windows

that open and shut.

Sam Pearce, Curator of the Theatre and Music Collection of the Museum of the City of New York, has arranged for a number of theatrical exhibits from the Museum. In addition to eight of the miniature theatres from the Alfred Lunt Collection, there will be stage

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Liberace will be making an appearance in the area at the Allentown Fair, August 7 through August 9th. There will be two shows in the grandstands each nite, one at 6:00 PM and the late show at

MINIATURES SHOWN

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sets from set designers Donald Oenslager, Frederick Fox, Norman Bel Geddes, Jo Mielziner and Cleon Throckmor-

These are only some of the exhibits which will make up "Scenes in Miniature," the most exciting being presented by the New Hope Historical Society and one which will fascinate men, women and children. Although some of the items in this collection of miniatures are just on loan to the Society, many of them will be for sale. The Parry Barn Galleries are open to the public Tuesdays through Sundays and this particular exhibit will also be open on Monday, July

Carversville was known as Milton many years ago,

Bucks County Calendar of Events

BUCKS COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE, 1965

1-30 NEW HOPE—"Scenes in Miniature"—Parry Barn. (Model rooms ,trees, trains,

1-30 NEW HOPE - Delaware Canal Mule - Drawn Barge Rides. Daily except Monday. 1-3-4:30-6:00 p.m. 3-4-5 YARDLEY — ' Voice of the Turtle"-Yardley Players Community Center, 64 S. Main Street.

5 NEWTOWN — "Wel-

come Day" in Colonial Newtown.

5-6-12-13-19-20 ERWINNA Art Show by the John Moodie Family. (Watercolors, Drawings and Prints)-Stover Mill, Route 32, 2-5

12 DOYLESTOWN - 5th Annual Village Fair — War Memorial Field, Route 202 9:00 a.m. till dark.

18-19, 25-26 BUCKING-HAM — "Born Yesterday" Town & Country Players - 27 LANGHE NE - Horse ham

19 QUAKERTOWN - 11th Annual Old Timers' Day -Memorial Park 10:30 a.m. (Rain Date June 26th)

19-26 LANGHORNE "Night Must Fall" - Langhorne Players, The Barn, Bridgetown Pike, 8:30 p.m. 20 ERWINNA — Fashion Preview - Vera Maxwell's Original Designs. Stover Mill, River Road, Route 32. Benefit-Donation \$1.00.

20 LANGHORNE - Time Trials — 100 mi. U.S.A.C. Championship Race for Indianapolis cars and drivers, Langhorne Speedway, U.S. Route 1.

20 LEVITTOWN — "3rd Annual Musical Jubilee,' Junior Drum & Bugle Corps., "The Pennsylvanians" Woodrow Wilson High School Athletic Field, 8:00

26-27 ERWINNA - Original Stover Grist Mill Machinery Display. Stover Mill, Route 32, River Road, 2-5 p.m.

The Barn, Route 263 be- Show - Pinoway Farms, tween Furlong and Bucking- Woodbourne Road, 9:00

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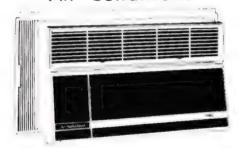


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May 29

"The King & I"

June 8

"Kismet"

June 15

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum"

(3 weeks)

July 6

"Bye Bye Birdie"

July 13

"The Sound of Music"

July 20

"The Desert Song"

July 27

"Oliver!" (3 weeks)

Aug. 17

"My Fair Lady"

Aug. 24

"Teahouse of The August Moon"

Music Circus Jazz Specials Monday evenings at 8:30, Sunday Shows at 4 P.M.

June 14

Stan Getz

June 21

Dave Brubeck

June 28

Maynard Ferguson

July 4 (Sunday)

Dukes of Dixieland

July 5

Count Basie

July 11 (Sunday)

Guy Lombardo

July 12

Louis Armstrong

July 18 (Sunday)

Pete Seeger

July 19

Duke Ellington

July 26

Ahmad Jamal

Aug. 1 (Sunday)

Theodore Bikel

Aug. 9

Victor Borge

Aug. 16

Chubby Checker

Aug. 23

Stan Kenton

Aug. 29 (Sunday) Nina Simone

Aug. 30

Woody Herman

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BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE SCHEDULE

Shows Monday through Saturday 8:30 PM. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday

July 12-24 — "The Typist and The Tiger", starring Dick Shawn and Betty Garrett

July 21 - Aug. 7 — "Tom Jones"

Aug. 9-21—"The Solid Gold Cadillac", starring Pearl Bailey

August 23 - September 4, "Ouality Street"

September 6 - 18 — "The Burnt Flower Bed", Claude Rains

NEW CAMP DIRECTOR AT ECHO FARM

The 1965 summer camp season will see Louis Paulmier heading the staff at Echo Farm Camp near Chalfont, Pa. Mr. Paulmier has previously directed the day camp at William Penn Center. Bucks County and served on the staff of Keeway din Camps in Vermont and Robin Hood Camp, Maine. He is presently physical education teacher at Germantown Friends School in Germantown. "The program at Echo Farm this summer will continue to emphasize, riding, swimming, animal care and conservation and in addition overnight trips and hikes in Bucks County and nearby woods and state parks," said Mr. Paulmier.

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Coin World Newspaper (Ed note — these are kind words indeed from the editor of the largest and leading coin publication in the Country)

COUNTY PARKS

Tinicum Park

The oldest link in the Bucks Stover Tinicum Park, recently celebrated its tenth annivers-

It was a decade ago that the late John J. Stover, of a family whose mills made a substantial contribution to Bucks County history, presented his 126-acre farm in the upper Delaware Valley to the county.

Stretching from the Delaware River to the Delaware Canal, Tinicum Park straddles Pennsylvania Route 32 (River Road) in Tinicum Township six miles upriver from Point Pleasant.

The park offers boat launching and fishing in both waterways. There are spacious grounds for camping and picnicking, a playground and athletic fields.

More interesting to some visitors than these activities are the farm buildings restored by the Bucks County Park Board, a red brick farmhouse of the early 1800's and a big red barn. Future plans for a museum of bygone days in the farmhouse and an art gallery in the barn.

Culture and fun are combined in Tinicum Park each summer at the Tinicum Art Festival, sponsored by the Tini-



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cum Civic Association. Residents of the community devote the date of the 17th Annual are supplied. their diverse talents to the en- Tinicum Art Festival. It will Prize-winning author James A. on Sunday. County Park system, John Michener reads fortunes while Valley and Ottsville Fire Com- not already provide a beautiful the Bucks County Administra-

pany Auxiliaries purvey hot sylvan setting, the Park Board tion Building, Doylestown maintains a nursery there, from

Saturday, July 10, will be which the other County Parks

The camping area, near the joyment of the thousands of last all day, with paintings re- canal, includes a pump, charpeople who attend. Pulitzer maining on exhibit in the barn coal stoves and toilet facilities. Campsite reservations As if the many and varied needed and may be made by the women of the Delaware tall trees of Tinicum Park did contacting the Park Board in



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Much has been written in recent years about coin collecting, not always by authors familiar with this hobby and many misstatements have been made and the public accepts these as the gospel.

Many letters are received pertaining to Lincoln cents and one party will write, "I have a 1909 Lincoln cent with a vdb on the reverse. I read where this coin is worth \$325.'

Another party writes, "I have a 1909 Lincoln cent with the letter S and I understand my coin is worth more than \$300."

These people, along with many others, have obtained their information from misinformed and self-appointed authorities. The Lincoln cent which is rare is dated 1909, it has the letter "S" under the date which stands for the San Francisco Mint, and on the lower part of the reverse are the initials "VDB" which stand for the designer, Victor D. Brenner. It is necessary to have all of the three features mentioned for the coin to be the rare 1909-S VDB. This is the Lincoln cent worth from \$100 to \$350 and is sought after by dealer and collector alike.

A few other Lincoln cents in big demand are the 1914 with the letter "D" under the date, which stands for the Denver Mint; the 1924-D and the 1931-S Lincolns round out some of the scarcer pieces. Many others have premiums and this depends on the date, mintmark and condition of the various coins.

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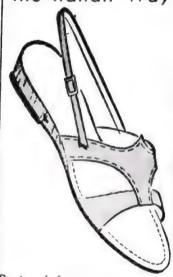
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The Buckingham Antiques Show will be held at Tyro Grange Hall, Route 413 (junction of Routes 202 & 263) in Buckingham on June 24, 25 and 26, starting at noon each day. CORA and RUSS RUTHERFORD are managers of the show. It'll be a good one!

We hate to be accused of showing favoritism, but we are happy to announce (for my mother's sake) that NANCY R. ALLIGER WILL become the blushing bride of JAMES PELHAM on June 12, 1965. Nancy did our delightful December 1964 cover showing Washington GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR., Crossing the Delaware (with Director of the National

A recent visitor to Bucks County was noted comedian,

ED WYNN. Ed was in Philadelphia to receive an outstanding citation, and visited our beautiful county.

FRED O. YOUNG from Lansdale sends us notes from time to time, and enclosed the following verse in his last note, and we thought we would include it here -

"Life is not all froth and bubble,

Two things stand like stone, Kindness in another's trouble,

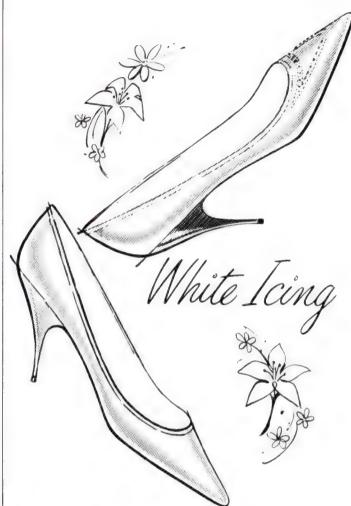
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artist). She is also the edi- Park Service was the feator's sister. Mother is happy, tured speake at the eighth One of us finally got mar-ried!

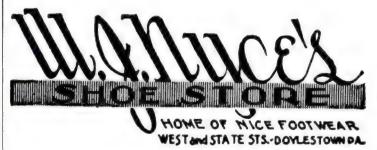
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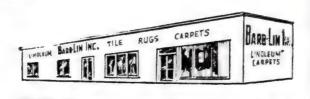
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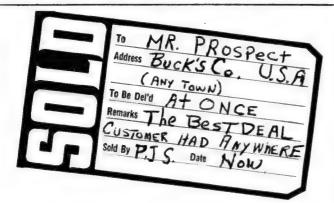
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ROBERT R. FARISCHON of Danboro was the first man to receive honors as "Sailor of The Month" at ceremonies held recently at Willow Grove Naval Air Station. (U. S. Navy Photo)

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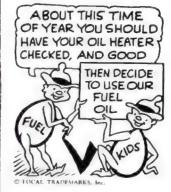
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The Bucks County Society of Restaurateurs has announced that the winner of the 1965 scholarship was CARL W. CAPUTO of Levittown. Carl is presently attending Michigan State majoring in Restaurant Management. The Restauratuers originated the scholarship program in 1962 to assist talented graduates of Bucks County schools in pursuing a career in the restaurant, hotel or motel business.

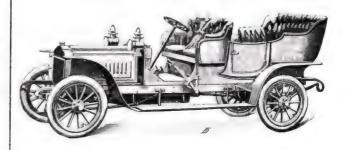


Captain N. R. CHARLES, commanding officer at NAS, Willow Grove, congratulates Chief JAMES M. PARKER of Gardenville at retirement ceremonies held recently at Willow Grove. Chief Parker completed 20 years service with the Navy. (US Navy Photo)

JOHN ELFMAN, Doylestown contractor and builder, was elected president of The Bucks County Historical Society, succeeding FRANK-LIN C. WOOD, who declined re-election. Mr. Elfman is also chairman of The Central Bucks Airport Authority. They always say, it takes a busy man to get any job done!

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Detweiler, who resides in Quakertown, has been a member of the board of directors for three years and had served as first vice president prior to his election to

the presidency.

During the past 45 years Detweiler has been active in civic and educational affairs in the Quakertown area. He is chairman of the Quakertown Police and Civil Service Commission and serves on the Citizen's Advisory Committee to Quakertown Borough Council. He is a former member of the Quakertown Board of Education.

Detweiler is a charter member and past commander of the Quakertown American

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Other officers elected were:
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Alan J. Vogenberg, Levittown, second vice president;
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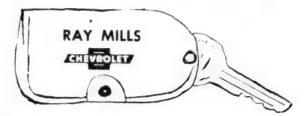
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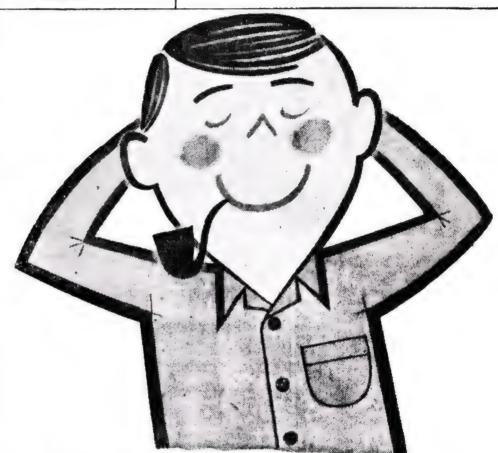
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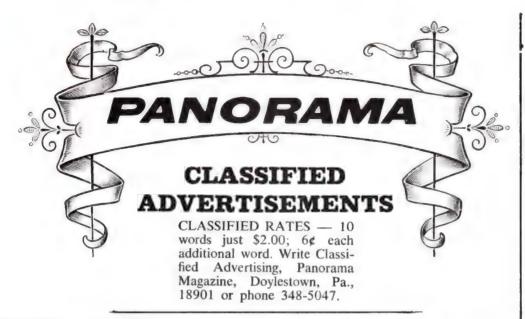
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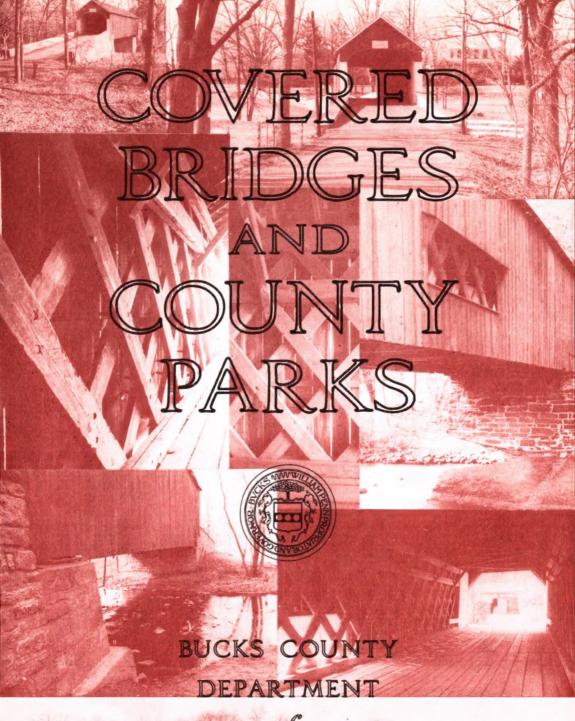
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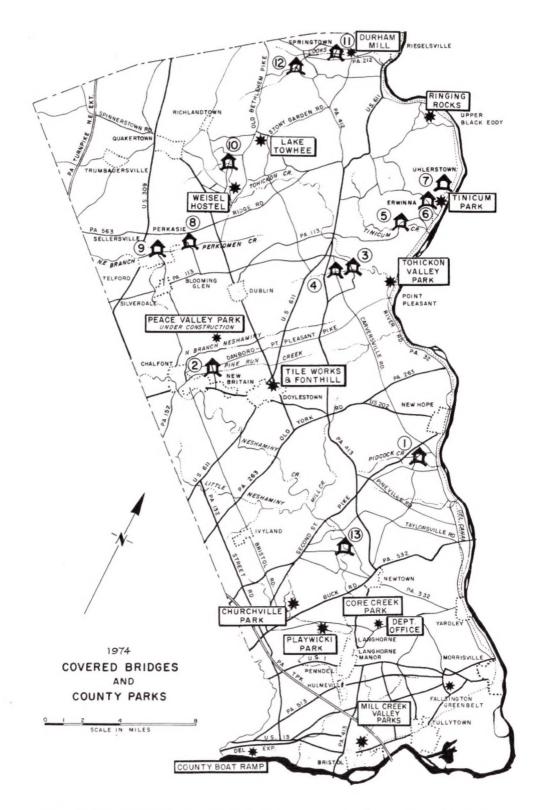
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COVERED BRIDGES

Covered bridges were once quite common in Bucks County, and indeed throughout the northeastern United States. Many have disappeared due to natural causes or because the requirements of modern highway systems made them obsolete. In 1920 there were 36 covered bridges in Bucks County (not counting those that crossed the Delaware River, of which there was a total of eleven at one time). By 1935 the number had dwindled to 22, and now only 13 remain in the county.

The idea of the covered bridge originated in Philadelphia, and the first one to be built was a span that carried High Street (now Market) across the Schuylkill River. It was designed by Timothy Palmer and built between 1800 and 1805. The second covered bridge in America was the one crossing the Delaware between Morrisville, Bucks County, and Trenton, New Jersey, designed by Theodore Burr and completed in 1806.

The purpose of covering the bridges was not to protect the traveler or even the floor-boards of the bridge, but to keep the main beams and arches dry, shielding them from exposure to the rain and snow, which, in combination with the heat of the summer sun, would cause the great supporting timbers to rot away in a few years. As some builders put it, "Our bridges were covered, my dear Sir, for the same reason that our belles wore hoop skirts and crinolines--to protect the structural beauty that is seldom seen, but nevertheless appreciated."

Many different designs for covered bridge construction were developed during the 19th century, but all the surviving bridges in Bucks County are of the crisscross or lattice style designed by Ithiel Town, a New Englander whose method was first conceived in 1820. The structure was made up of a series of overlapping triangles with no arches or uprights, resembling a crisscross garden fence, which could support spans of up to 200 feet.

Bucks County's existing covered bridges are identified as follows:

- Van Sant Bridge spans Pidcock Creek near Bowman's Hill, Solebury Township.
- 2. Pine Valley Bridge crosses Pine Run near New Britain.
- 3. Cabin Run Bridge crosses Cabin Run east of Pipersville.
- 4. Loux Bridge is located just upstream from Cabin Run Bridge.
- 5. Frankenfield Bridge crosses Tinicum Creek near Sundale.
- 6. Erwinna Bridge, shortest in the county, spans Lodi Creek.
- 7. Uhlerstown Bridge crosses the Delaware Canal north of Erwinna.
- 8. Mood's Bridge spans the Northeast Branch of the Perkiomen Creek east of Perkasie.
- 9. South Perkasie Bridge now stands in Lenape Park. Threatened with destruction, it was moved by the Perkasie Historical Society from its original location over Pleasant Spring Creek.
- Sheard's (Clymer's) Mill Bridge crosses Tohickon Creek near Thatcher, Haycock Township.
- Haupt's Mill Bridge spans Durham Creek not far from the Old Durham Furnace.
- 12. Knecht's Bridge crosses Durham Creek in Sleifer Valley, Springfield Township, upstream from Haupt's Mill Bridge, on the route of the Indian Walking Purchase of 1737.
- 13. Twining Ford Bridge, longest in the county, crosses Neshaminy Creek within the boundaries of Tyler State Park.